

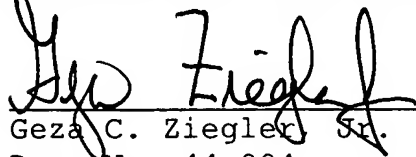
#### IV. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-8 are amended. The Abstract is amended. A proposed drawing correction is submitted herewith.
2. FIG. 2b is amended to correct the duplicate use of reference 218. The memory location "218" is changed to memory location "216".
3. The Abstract is amended to delete the reference to "Figure 3".
4. Claim 1 is amended to address the antecedent basis error and other 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections. Claims 2-8 are amended to address the issues raised by the Examiner. The changes are not limiting and not made for reasons related to patentability.
5. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 9-16.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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